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FRANKFURT FOR MCKINLAY
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DEPARTMENT PASS JUSTICE FOR FOREIGN LITIGATION UNIT
(RISTAU)

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SUBJECT: SUIT AGAINST AMCONGEN BY FORMER FSLE STANG

REFS: (A) FRANKFURT 7133; (B) BONN 17821;

(C) STATE 299062

1. ON BASIS OF ADVICE RECEIVED FROM FRG FOREIGN OFFICE PROTOCOL SECTION (SEE PARA 4 REFTEL(A)), REFTEL (C) AND PFUND-CHARIG TELCON DECEMBER 22, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT CONSULATE GENERAL BY REGISTERED LETTER INFORM FRG LABOR COURT HANDLING THIS CASE THAT SUIT IS NOT IN FACT AGAINST CONGEN BUT AGAINST UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT: CONGEN LETTER SHOULD CONTINUE THAT CONGEN IS WITHOUT AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS ON BEHALF OF USG AND THEREFORE MUST REJECT SERVICE AS IMPROPER, RETURNING DOCUMENT ADDRESSED TO CONSULATE AND RECEIVED OCTOBER 22 (RETAINING COPY); LETTER SHOULD CONTINUE THAT IF COURT WISHES TO PURSUE SERVICE OF PROCESS ON USG, ONLY APPROPRIATE MANNER FOR DOING SO IS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, I.E. BY FRG FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE TO PRINCIPAL DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION, I.E US EMBASSY BONN, OR UNCLASSIFIED

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BY NOTE FROM FRG EMBASSY WASHINGTON DELIVERED TO STATE

DEPARTMENT. CONGEN REQUESTED TO REPORT TO DEPARTMENT ON WORDING AND TIMING OF LETTER SENT; WITH INFORMATION TO EMBASSY, CONGEN MUNICH FOR CHARIG, AND JUSTICE FOR RISTAU.

- 2. ACCORDING TO CHARIG, IF COURT CHOOSES TO IGNORE ABOVE NOTIFICATION THAT SERVICE ON CONGEN WAS IMPROPER AND IF IT CONTINUES IN THIS CASE TO DEFAULT JUDGEMENT AGAINST CONGEN ON POINTS MENTIONED IN REFTEL (A), OR IF SERVICE ON USG IS MADE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE THROUGH RISTAU/CHARIG AND PURSUANT TO 28 USC 516 WOULD HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO DEFEND USG IN THIS ACTION AND WOULD HANDLE HIRING OF APPROPRIATE GERMAN COUNSEL IN FRANKFURT TO HANDLE THIS CASE.
- 3. REFTELS BEING REPEATED TO MUNICH FOR CHARIG'S INFORMATION. HILLENBRAND

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